CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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23. (new) In combination with a flashlight having a housing, a battery in the housing, a light source on the housing, and a circuit between the battery and the light source and including a switch actuatable to energize the light source, a package comprising:

packaging material enclosing the flashlight;

an externally actuatable package switch separate from the housing switch and carried on the packaging material;

wiring connected between the package switch and the circuit of the flashlight such that the package switch is actuatable to energize the light source; and

releasable means connecting the wiring to the circuit for disconnection of the wiring and package switch from the circuit on separation of the flashlight from the package.

24. (new) The combination defined in claim 23 wherein the package switch is connected by the wiring in parallel to the housing switch.

25. (new) The combination defined in claim 24 wherein the package switch is a momentary-contact switch.

26. (new) The combination defined in claim 23 wherein the releasable means includes break points connected between the wiring and the circuit.

27. (new) The combination defined in claim 23 wherein the releasable means includes contacts on the circuit releasably connected to the wiring.

28. (new) The combination defined in claim 27 wherein the releasable means is a removable cap fittable on the housing and to which the wiring is connected.

29. (new) The combination defined in claim 23 wherein the packaging material wholly encloses the flashlight and must be destroyed to remove the flashlight from the package.

30. (new) The combination defined in claim 23 wherein the package switch is a momentary-contact switch.

31. (new) The combination defined in claim 24 wherein the releasable means are a plug on the housing and a jack connected to the wiring and releasably engaged in the plug.

32. (new) In combination with a flashlight having a housing, a battery in the housing, a light source on the housing, and a circuit between the battery and the light source and including a momentary-contact switch on the housing and depressible into a first position to energize the light source, a package comprising:

packaging material enclosing the flashlight and elastically deformable in a region of the switch; and

an annular spring surrounding the housing inside the packaging material at the switch and elastically compressible through the packaging material to engage and depress the housing switch into only the first position.

33. (new) The combination defined in claim 32 wherein the housing switch is depressible past the first position into a second position in which it locks and maintains a connection between the battery and the light source, the housing and spring being constructed such that the spring cannot depress the switch into the second position.

34. (new) The combination defined in claim 32 wherein the spring surrounds the housing by more than 270°.

35. (new) The combination defined in claim 32 wherein the spring has a pair of legs one of which is fixed in the packaging material and the other of which is movable in the packaging material between an outer position spaced form the one leg and in at most only light contact with the switch and an inner position engaging the one leg and depressing the switch into the first position.

36. (new) In combination with a flashlight having a housing, a battery in the housing, a light source on the housing, and a circuit between the battery and the light source and including a momentary-contact switch on the housing and depressible into a first position to energize the light source, a package comprising:

packaging material enclosing the flashlight and elastically deformable in a region of the switch; and

an actuating element connected to the switch, projecting from the housing, and actuatable only to shift the switch into the first position.

37. (new) The combination defined in claim 36 wherein the element is a string.

38. (new) The combination defined in claim 36 wherein the element is a rod.

39. (new) The combination defined in claim 38 wherein the element includes a leaf spring connected between the rod and the switch.

39. (new) The combination defined in claim 36 wherein the element is a lever pivoted on the packaging material or on the housing.

40. (new) The combination defined in claim 36 wherein the switch is shiftable past the first position into a second position in which maintains energization of the source from the battery, the switch being constructed such that repeated shifting into the second position disrupts the energization and turns off the source.

41. (new) In combination with a flashlight having a housing, a battery in the housing, a light source on the housing having a light-output opening, and a circuit between the battery and the light source and including a momentary-contact switch on the housing and depressible into a first position to energize the light source and project light from the opening, a package comprising:

packaging material enclosing the flashlight and elastically deformable region of the switch;

an externally actuatable package switch separate from the housing switch and carried on the packaging material;

wiring connected between the package switch and the circuit of the flashlight such that the package switch is actuatable to energize the light source; and

means including a body fixed on the housing in alignment with the light-output opening for deflecting, reflecting, or refracting light emitted by the source.

42. (new) The combination defined in claim 41 wherein the body is pivotal on the packaging material.

43. (new) The combination defined in claim 41 wherein the packaging material has a transparent portion extending between the source and the body.